

Appl. No. 10/661,113
Response dated February 3, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Nov. 12, 2004

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 11, 16, 17 and 41 are allowed.

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 20, 25, 31, 37, 38, 39 and 40 are canceled and withdrawn without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation or a continuation-in-part application that contains one or more of these claims.

Claims 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 10. These claims are also believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, and said amendments, reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



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